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SUBJECT: MUTUAL ASSISTANCE: CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL

REF: CUSTOMS 6971, LILONGWE 1210

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM U.S. BRANCH OFFICE BLANTYE,  
MALAWI SENT ACTION FOR SECSTATE.

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FLETCHER J. POTTER,  
DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION OF US CUSTOMS  
SERVICE:

QUOTE.

SUBJECT: MALAWI CUSTOMS REPORT

TO: FLETCHER POTTER: INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS OPERATIONS DIVISION,  
WASHINGTON.

FROM: JOHN CLIFFORD, MALAWI CUSTOMS.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING DU PONT CONSIGNMENT AND OTHER  
DETECTIONS.

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1. IT WILL LEAVE CHILEKA AIRPORT MALAWI ON 8 AUGUST CARGO SPACE  
PERMITTING.

2. HE MADE A TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER OF K2714.69 FROM BARCLADON,  
NEW YORK WHICH IS USD 3278.00 ON 1 OR 2 AUGUST FOR ACCOUNT OF RENNIE  
PRESS (M) LTD THE LOCAL SHIPPERS. FURTHER INFORMATION ON IDENTITY  
OF NEW YORK BANK TO FOLLOW.

3. IMPORTANT REPEAT IMPORTANT. WE HAVE MADE A FURTHER DETECTION OF 152 POUNDS OF SAME SUBSTANCE WELL CONCEALED IN TABLE MEASURING 86" LONG, 60" WIDE AND 393" HIGH. THE SUBSTANCE IS HIGH QUALITY MADE UP OF 524 ROLLS WRAPPED IN DRY BANANA LEAVES. THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF CONSIGNMENT IS 410 KILOS. IT IS ADDRESSED TO MR. DANE, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, U.S.A. IT WILL LEAVE MALAWI AT SAME TIME AS OTHER CONSIGNMENT. AIRWAYBILL DETAILS TO FOLLOW. DANE WILL HAVE TO PAY EXTRA USD 40 AT SALT LAKE CITY AIRPORT.

4. DANE CHRISTIAN NAME BELIEVED TO BE WILLIAM, WIFE'S NAME SUSAN IS ACCOMPLICE OF DU PONT. LATTER BELIEVED TO BE FROM DU PONT INTERNATIONAL CHEMICAL FAMILY. DU PONT ALSO USES ADDRESS 1411 SARA LANE, RACINE, U.S.A. HE IS 5'6" TALL, SLIGHTLY BUILT WEARS SPECTACLES. DANE IS 6' PLUS, SLIM BUILD, CLEAN SHAVEN.

5. DANE SENT TELEGRAM ON 25 JULY TO CLAN TRANSPORT THE LOCAL SHIPPERS OF HIS CONSIGNMENT AT PARA THREE ABOVE. REFERENCE BCH357 AMW956 GYB863 RMM4562 QRE03674-062373F205. MIBE CO URNX032 TDRN SAN RAFAEL CA 3224 0120P PDT VIA RCA. IT READS: "7-24 DOLLARS 2415 CABLE TRANSFERRED 305631 BANK OF AMERICA SENT COMMERCIAL BANK MALAWI. THEY TRANSFERRED TO NATIONAL BANK MALAWI YOUR NAME CHECKED ARRIVAL. WILLIAM DANE.

6. DU PONT SENT A TELEGRAM RE FIRST CONSIGNMENT AT PARA ONE ABOVE FROM DALLAS TX 33 10 1204P CDT ON 11 JULY. IT READS: "ATTENTION CONFIDENTIAL

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MR TRUSKETT. PLEASE INFORM ME OF AIRWAYBILL NUMBER ALONG WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYMENT. PS REPLY WESTERN UNION DALLAS OFFICE. ROBERT DU PONT.

THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO HIM WHEN HE TELEPHONED AND THIS IS THE CONVERSATION I HAVE RECORDED.

7. I NOW KNOW THAT DU PONT AND DANE WERE IN MALAWI IN NOVEMBER 1977 AND SENT A CONSIGNMENT ON AWB 167-0149 2562 ADDRESSED "MR. DU PONT, SALT LAKE CITY AIRPORT". THE CONSIGNMENT WEIGHED 930 KILOS AND ALTHOUGH DESCRIBED AS "WOODEN SOFA", I BELIEVE IT ALSO INCLUDED LARGE CARVED ELEPHANTS. IT LEFT MALAWI ON 9 DECEMBER 1977.

8. DU PONT TRANSFERRED K3326.99 TO PAY FOR THE FREIGHT ON DECEMBER CONSIGNMENT. THE FUNDS CAME FROM "BANK OF AMERICA, SAN FRANCISCO ORDER RPDUPONT" AND ARRIVED HERE ON 6 DECEMBER 1977. AT THAT TIME DU PONT USED THE ADDRESS, BOX 442, BELLVUE, IDAHO 83313 U.S.A.

9. I NOW HAVE PROOF PHOTOGRAPHS OF CONSIGNMENTS AT PARA ONE AND THREE ABOVE. BOTH CONSIGNMENTS NOW PROFESSIONALLY PACKED AND READY TO GO. NO POSSIBILITY OF CULPRITS BEING AWARE OF OUR KNOWLEDGE. I WILL CONFIRM DANES IDENTITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS WELL AS DETAILS

PROMISED AT PARA TWO AND THREE ABOVE.

REGARDS JOHN CLIFFORD. MY TELEPHONE DETAILS: BLANTYRE 651445 OFFICE

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BLANTYRE 633727 HOME.UNQUOTE.

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